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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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15 In response to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2004, regarding the above-identified
16 patent application, Applicant elects without traverse method claims 1-7. Claims 8-23 may be
17 withdrawn from further consideration, without prejudice to the presentation of such claims for
examination in a continued patent application.

18 In regard to the Examiner's requirement for election of a single disclosed species for
19 prosecution on the merits, the elected species is that shown in Figs. 1-3 of the patent drawings.
20 Applicant contends that pending method claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 all describe methods that are
practiced by forming the assemblage shown in Figs. 1-3 of the patent drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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